

Although Koyraboro Senni is associated with settled towns, it is a cosmopolitan language which has spread east and west of Gao, to the Fula people living at the Mali–Niger border and to the Bozo people of the Niger River. East of Timbuktu, Koyra Senni gives way relatively abruptly to the closely related Koyra Chiini.

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## Phonology

## Consonants

Koyraboro Senni	
Native to	Mali
Region	East of Timbuktu, Gao
Ethnicity	850,000 (2007?) <sup>[1]</sup>
Native speakers	430,000 (2007) <sup>[2]</sup> <div>300,000 monolingual (2007)<sup>[2]</sup></div>
Language family	<div>Nilo-Saharan?</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Songhay</li> <li>Southern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Koyraboro Senni</b></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ses
Glottolog	koyr1242 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/koyr1242">http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/koyr1242</a> ) <sup>[3]</sup>



### Location of Songhay languages<sup>[4]</sup>

### Northwest Songhay:

- ☐ Korandje  
☐ Koyra Chiini  
☐ Tadaksahak  
☐ Tasawaq  
☐ Tagdal

### Eastern Songhay:

- ☐ Tondi Songway Kiini
- ☐ Humburi Senni
- ☐ Koyraboro Senni
- ☐ Zarma language
- ☐ Dendi

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Post-alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	voiceless	(p)	t			k	(ʔ)
	voiced	b	d			g	
<u>Affricate</u>	voiceless			tʃ			
	voiced			dʒ			
<u>Fricative</u>	voiceless	f	s	(ʃ)			h
	voiced		z	(ʒ)			
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n		ɲ	ŋ	
<u>Lateral</u>			l				
<u>Trill</u>			r				
<u>Approximant</u>		w			j		

- /p/ is uncommon, occurring mainly from loanwords.
- [ʃ ʒ] only occur as a palatalization of fricatives /s z/ preceding front vowels /e i/.
- /ʔ/ only occurs as a result of unassimilated Arabic words.

## Vowels

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	i iː		u uː
<u>Mid</u>	e eː		o oː
<u>Open</u>		a aː	

Nasalized realizations of vowel sounds may also occur, but they are rare among different dialects.

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  4. This map is based on classification from Glottolog and data from Ethnologue.
    - Open Language Archives Community (<https://web.archive.org/web/20100410132200/http://www.language-archives.org/language2.php/ses>)
    - Songhay Language Description (<http://songhaylanguage.wordpress.com/>)
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